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SUBJECT: YOM-RIASCO FIGHT FIASCO

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED AUGUST 10 FROM DONALD M. FRASER, CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, INQUIRING INTO ALLEGATIONS BY BOXING REFEREE LARRY ROZADILLA THAT THREATS RECEIVED WHILE HE WAS IN KOREA FORCED HIM TO CHANGE HIS VERDICT. UPI STORY, DATELINED AUGUST 3 FROM LOS ANGELES, SAYS THAT ROZADILLA (A U.S. CITIZEN) WAS DRAGGED BACK INTO RING ON AUGUST 1 BY "GANGSTER-TYPE" STRONG-ARM MEN WHO FORCED HIM TO CHANGE HIS DECISION AND DECLARE KOREAN BOXER YOM DONG-KYUN WINNER OVER DEFENDING CHAMPION RIGOBERTO RIASCO OF PANAMA FOR FEAR OF HIS LIFE. THREATS CONTINUED UNTIL HE LEFT KOREA, PREVENTING ROZADILLA FROM MAKING ANY STATEMENTS UNTIL HE ARRIVED SAFELY BACK IN U.S., STORY STATES.

2. FRASER'S LETTER REQUESTS EMBASSY TO INVESTIGATE ATTITUDES AND VIEWS OF FIGHT PROMOTERS, SPECTATORS, RIASCO, AND KOREAN POLICE.

3. WE ARE IN PROCESS LOOKING INTO QUESTIONS BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN MEANTIME WHETHER EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY DIRECTLY, OR THROUGH DEPARTMENT.

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